

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Reverend Delbert Ray Jefferson and First Lady Minnie J. Jefferson for 25 years of outstanding service to Christian Home Missionary Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend and Mrs. Jefferson began their service to Christian Home Missionary Baptist Church on February 2, 1986, following in the footsteps of such leaders as founding pastor Reverend Benjamin Leroy and subsequent pastors Reverend Lucious Basil Tolson and Reverend Mitchell W. Moore; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Reverend and Mrs. Jefferson's guidance and leadership, the church has continued to grow and to play a vital role in the life of the Third Ward community; communion service was instituted at the 11:00 a.m. worship services and a churchwide observance of Black History was initiated; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Jefferson has instituted measures to keep the church on a sound financial footing, creating a building fund, which offset all costs of building a new fellowship hall, and solidifying the process of setting the church's annual budget; and

**WHEREAS**, Inspirational and dedicated to helping others, this beloved pastor has devoted his time and energy selflessly to his congregation and the people of the Third Ward; an accomplished scholar and theologian, he has had a profound influence on the lives of countless people; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Reverend Delbert Ray Jefferson and First Lady Minnie J. Jefferson on their years of exemplary service to Christian Home Missionary Baptist Church and extend to them best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this distinguished couple as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate